

Mark Copley appointed as Chief Executive Officer of EFET

The European Federation of Energy Traders (EFET)¹ announces the appointment of Mark Copley as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with effect from 1 February 2021.

Commenting on the imminent appointment, Marcus Bokermann, Chair of the EFET Board said: “I am delighted to welcome Mark Copley as our CEO designate. I am confident Mark will efficiently and professionally support the work of the Board when he takes over from our current Secretary General, Jan van Aken, in due course. I look forward to working with Mark in his new role. I am confident he will successfully lead EFET through the challenges and opportunities presented to wholesale energy market participants by Europe’s transition to net zero carbon in coming years.”

Peter Styles, Executive Vice Chair of the EFET Board, added: “I would like to congratulate Mark on his appointment as our CEO. It should be noted that Mark came through a tough and competitive selection process over the course of 2020. The whole EFET Board and the Secretariat are looking forward to working with Mark in delivering on the EFET Mission.”

“EFET is an organisation I’ve always admired and I’m incredibly proud to have the opportunity to become CEO. I look forward to working with members and policy makers across Europe to ensure that well-functioning markets play a central role in driving decarbonisation and ensuring secure and affordable energy supplies” said Mark Copley.

¹ The European Federation of Energy Traders (EFET) promotes competition, transparency and open access in the European energy sector. We build trust in power and gas markets across Europe, so that they may underpin a sustainable and secure energy supply and enable the transition to a carbon neutral economy. We currently represent more than 100 energy trading companies, active in over 27 European countries. For more information: www.efet.org



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Note for Editors:

Mark Copley is an energy economist and expert in energy policy and regulation with nearly two decades of experience of working across European energy markets. Prior to joining EFET, Mark's career spanned a range of senior roles with an energy regulatory authority, a global economics consultancy, an EU-wide electricity industry association and a national energy ministry.

Mark began his career in the energy sector as a regulator with Ofgem, the British energy regulatory agency. He then moved to CEPA, a global economics consultancy, where he worked across regulated industries supporting private and public sector clients. Subsequently Mark spent four years in senior roles with ENTSO-E, working on implementation of the Third Package and developing market related Electricity Network Codes and Guidelines. Returning to Ofgem in 2014, Mark led teams responsible for wholesale gas and electricity markets and security of supply. He also acted as the Ofgem representative on the Boards of CEER and ACER during the crucial period when the European Commission conceived the energy legislation, which was to become the Clean Energy Package. In his most recent role as Deputy Director EU Exit, Energy & Climate with BEIS, the government ministry responsible for energy policy, Mark coordinated EU exit related energy and climate projects and played a central role in negotiating the energy elements of the recently concluded EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

Mark holds an undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of Exeter and a master's degree in Economic Regulation and Competition Policy from City University, London.

